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LETTER DATED 11 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 3 to 9 March 1993.

3 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 9,500 metres, centred over Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Shatrah, Samawah, Khidr, Ushbayjah, Salman, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 1149 hours on 3 March 1993, a United States TR-1 aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres carried out hostile reconnaissance over Basra City. It left Iraqi airspace at 1339 hours.

4 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Salman, Qurnah and Busayyah.

5 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Jalibah, and Busayyah.

6 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Ayn Zalah, Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Artawi, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Khidr and Ushbayjah.

7 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Ushbayjah, Jalibah, Salman, Amarah and Busayyah.

8 March 1993

(a) Northern region: No air activity was recorded in the northern region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at moderate altitude, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Salman, Ushbayjah and Busayyah.

9 March 1993

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Rawanduz, Irbil, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 8,000 metres, centred over Artawi, Jalibah, Busayyah, Samawah, Salman, Khidr and Qal'at Salih.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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